

APRIL 20, 2025

ST. BASIL'S



THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

CATHOLIC PARISH

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 1:00pm
Sunday: 8:15am - 1:15pm

SUNDAY MASSES

5:00pm (sat)
9:00am; 10:30am; 12:00pm; 4:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 7:30am; 12:10pm

VESPERS (EVENING PRAYER)

Monday - Friday: 5:10pm

ADORATION

Tuesday: 3:00pm-6:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 12:00pm
Saturday: 4:30pm - 5:00pm

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

Please see the parish website or call the main office for details. Weddings require a one year notice.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor:	Fr. Morgan V. Rice, CSB
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PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

At the end of Mark's Gospel, the Risen Lord tells his disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation" (16.15). Recently, I was speaking with someone who was curious of what the good news or gospel is all about. In response, I spoke of the core of the good news, which is what we are celebrating now—the Resurrection and the new life that Christ has made possible for us. Jesus showed us that death does not have the last word. Even though Jesus had foretold to his

Since 1856, St. Basil's Parish has been home to people of all ages and needs. We are blessed because you are all here!

Mothers are welcome to nurse their children in church or provide them snacks as needed. If you need to, feel free to walk with your child in the back of the church or in the hallway off the side aisle.



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disciples his passion, death, and rising on the third day, it seemed to come as a surprise to them. Maybe it was beyond what they could imagine. Perhaps they could not move past the suffering and death of their dear friend to see how God was at work.

Shortly after that conversation, I happened to speak with another person who was in the midst of one of life's dark moments, like one of those moments when we struggle to understand why God allowed something bad to happen. As I listened to what she was dealing with, I thought back to my earlier conversation. What was the good news that I could proclaim to her? While there was nothing I could do to fix the situation, I took some time to pray with her and tried to offer her some hope—that God was somehow working to bring about life even though it might not be clearly seen at the moment. I encouraged her to look for glimmers of light, reflecting the light of Christ, the light that scatters the darkness in our world.

At the beginning of the Easter Vigil, we see that happening in a symbolic way as the paschal candle is carried into the church and becomes the source of light that spreads to other candles throughout the church to produce a warm glow. Then we hear the powerful words of the Exsultet in praise of the glorious night that we are celebrating and the effects of the good news of Christ. Here is some of what is proclaimed:

“The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.”

As we spend 50 days celebrating the Easter season, may we be mindful of how we can apply these words and proclaim the good news to the people and situations we encounter, thus opening them up to greater hope and the ability to see the wonderful, and sometimes unexpected, ways of God.

Happy Easter!

Blessings,

Fr. Morgan

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

Join us for an hour of reflection and faith sharing on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. We pray with the Sunday scriptures as we grow in relationship with the Word and community. Come to one, some, or all sessions: no preparation required other than a willingness to reflect and share. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca To receive the Zoom link, please register: <https://tinyurl.com/StBasilFaithSharing>

SHARELIFE

Thank you for being a beacon of hope

On Easter Sunday, we thank you for being a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters in need by supporting ShareLife. In their darkest hours, you are right beside them. As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord this Easter Sunday, let us open our hearts to all.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

EASTER MONDAY

Please note Masses for Easter Monday will follow the regular schedule of 7:30am and 12:10pm. Regularly scheduled confessions will also take place from 11:30am. The parish office will be closed.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our Neophytes! May God continue to bless you on your journey of faith. Know that you are always supported by this parish community that welcomes you this day with great joy. Please keep all those who have received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on April 19th in your prayers.

PILGRIMS OF RESURRECTION HOPE: EASTER TAIZÉ PRAYER

Wednesday, April 30, 7pm

Join us on Wednesday, April 30, at 7pm at St. Basil's for a Taizé prayer service, where we will rejoice in resurrection hope and reflect on our call as disciples to bear the light of Christ in our world. This ecumenical and meditative prayer form includes music, scripture, prayers, candlelight, and silence, to draw us out to live our baptismal call. All are welcome! Questions? Contact JoAnn Lopez: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Saturdays 1-3pm, starting April 26

Are you a Catholic youth between the ages of 12 to 18? Join a community of exploration, prayer, reflection and conversation that prepares you for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, June 21, at the 5pm Mass. Our program for those in grade 7 and up includes seven required sessions, held weekly on Saturday afternoons from 1-3pm at St. Basil's Catholic Parish, starting April 26 (no session on May 17, Victoria Day Weekend).

Register by April 20 here: <https://forms.office.com/r/bj2Zy9RvQx> Questions? Contact: joann.lopez@utoronto.ca

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

May 3/4: ShareLife

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 20-26



SUNDAY

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am *Pro Populo*

10:30am *Pro Populo*

12:00pm *Pro Populo*

MONDAY

7:30am Lori Crumley (liv)

12:10pm Thor Eaton (✱)

TUESDAY

7:30am Helena Krolikowska (✱)

12:10pm Suraia Oliveira (✱)

WEDNESDAY

7:30am Maria Carmela Curio (liv)

12:10pm V.J. Marmon (✱)

THURSDAY

7:30am Vivian Kwok and Winnia Man (liv)

12:10pm Carmelita Salazar (✱), Kathleen Valdivia (✱)

FRIDAY

7:30am

12:10pm Stefan and Anna Papez (✱,✱)

SATURDAY

5:00pm Lina Fiorese (✱)

PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially, Sue Banfield, Rebecca Beaton, Annabelle Brossard, Desmond Brownlee, Lori Celik, Steve Chandeller, Yvonne Clarke, Josephine D'amico, Jasper David-Fuchs, Clare DeMello, Maisie Henry, Maryanne Hodges, Bohdanka Kovalska, Elaine Landrie, Anne McFadden, Margaret-Mary McKenzie, David Martin, Rosy Menezes, Dr. Peter Moran, Paul O'Brien, Robert Rodbourne, Delaila Salvador, Todd Snow, Federico Sorianosos Jr., John Sytsma, Betty Veit, Eileen Vyphius, Rosalie Wimbs, and Alexander Wu.


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